



TRW  
9p1634

ATTORNEY DOCKET NO. 13172.0001U1  
PATENT

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

|                          |   |                             |
|--------------------------|---|-----------------------------|
| In re Application of     | ) |                             |
|                          | ) |                             |
| DEAN et al.              | ) | Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson |
|                          | ) |                             |
| Serial No. 09/514,113    | ) | Art Unit: 1634              |
|                          | ) |                             |
| Filed: February 28, 2000 | ) | Confirmation No.: 9257      |
|                          | ) |                             |
| For: METHOD FOR REDUCING | ) |                             |
| ARTIFACTS IN NUCLEIC     | ) |                             |
| ACID AMPLIFICATION       | ) |                             |
|                          | ) |                             |

**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

NEEDLE & ROSENBERG, P.C.  
Customer Number 23859

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed on December 1, 2005, please amend the application as follows.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this Amendment.

**Remarks** begin on page 11 of this Amendment.